notice, action is initiated as per the provisions of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act and the land under encroachment is recovered.

Delhi Development Authority has reported that the instance of encroachments has been noted in all over the urban limits of Delhi as per year-wise and zone-wise details given below:—

Statement (Figures in acres)

| Year | East Zone | West Zone | North Zone | South Zone | Tota |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1986 | 53.78 | 12.42 | 8.00 | 15.00 | 89.20 |
| 1987 | 10.27 | 4.35 | 3.50 | 13.00 | 31.12 |
| 1988 | 6.25 | 2.50 | 3.50 | 9.00 | 21.25 |

The encroachment in the area under the jurisdiction of MCD during the last three years is as under: —

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|---|---|
| 1986 | 3666 |
| 1987 | 5956 |
| 1988 | 4472 |

**Payment of Licence Fees by the Meridian Hotel**

2759. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the moratorium granted to Meridian Hotel in respect of payment of licence fee and interest incurred thereon has expired in September and November, 1988 respectively;

(b) the amount now payable by each of them as arrears of licence fee and as interest thereon; and

(c) the steps taken so far for the collection of the dues and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a)' The moratorium granted by the NDMC to Meridian Hotel and Bharat Hotel is reported to have expired in September and November, 1988 respectively.

(b) The NDMC have reported that a sum of Rs. 18.76 crores has become due from M/s. C. J. International Hotels (Meridian Hotel) on account of arrears of licence fee including advance licence fee for the current year and a sum of Rs. 7.79 crores is due from them as interest upto Septemher, 1988. In the case of M/s. Bharat Hotels Ltd. a sum of Rs. 8.70 crores is due on account of licence fee arrears and the advance licence fee for the current year and a sum of Rs. 3.01 crores is due as interest upto November, 1988.

(c) The NDMC have reported that they have served a notice on M/s. C. J. International Hotels Ltd. to make the payment due and are in correspondence with them. They have reported that Bharat hotel have applied for grant of moratorium for one more year as the hotel has not yet been completed and commissioned in full and the request is under consideration by the NDMC.